GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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DELAY IN JUSTICE
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jugdements regarding various cases in different High Courts are not delivered for a long period after keeping them reserved;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the people are deprived of justice due to this delay; and

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to prepare rules/act to ensure that judgements are made within a stipulated time after the arguments are over?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): Some cases of delayed judgements have doubtless come to notice. As delivery of judgement is a part of the judicial function of judges, Government does not directly intervene in this matter.

As per the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code, every endeavourshall be made by the Court to pronounce the judgement at once or within fifteen days from the date on which the hearing of the case was concluded. If the judgement is not pronounced within 30 days the court shall record reasons for the delay and fix a future day on which the judgement shall be pronounced.

The `Arrears Committee` also recommended that the reserved judgement by High Courts should ordinarily be pronounced within a period of six weeks from the date of completion of the arguments. The recommendations have since, been forwarded to all High Courts for necessary action.